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Enclosed are copies of records from our docketing department showing all actions/reminders for US matters entered into CPI with a base date of June 30, 2003, as well as a copy of records showing all actions for US matters with a due date of September 30, 2003, the due date of the Notice of Allowance in the instant case. We have redacted the serial numbers, filing dates and titles of the various matters in the attached docket reports. This was done in the interest of protecting client confidentiality, and in accord with the requirements of the U.S. Patent Office's own ethical canons. We identify our matters by an attorney docket number.

The subject application (U.S. Serial No. 09/839,027) is identified by attorney docket number 200017.432, as indicated in our previous correspondence with the Patent Office. This number does not appear on the docket reports for the days in question.

Also enclosed are a copy of the file index showing all correspondence to and from the USTPO for this matter and a copy of the legal assistant's desk calendar showing all actions due for the period September 29, 2003, through October 1, 2003, inclusive.

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